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Asst. Commissioner for Patents
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Attn: Patent Application Branch

RE: Filing of Patent Application
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Dear Sir:

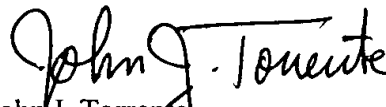
Enclosed for filing is a patent application of Shigeru Ogino and Kenji Miyauchi for an OPTICAL APPARATUS, the application comprising a Specification of 54 pages; 64 numbered Claims, including 18 Independent numbered Claims; 15 sheets of Formal Drawings (Figures 1-16(B)); an Abstract and our check in the amount of \$2,652.00 in payment of the filing fee, which has been calculated as follows: \$690.00 base filing fee, \$1,170.00 for Fifteen Dependent Claims in excess of three and \$792.00 for Forty-Four Independent claims in excess of twenty.

A "Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application" will be filed at a later date.

Claim will be made under 35 U.S.C. § 119 for the benefit of the filing date of Japanese Patent Application Nos. Hei 11-186295 (filed June 30, 1999); Hei 11-18296 (filed June 30, 1999); Hei 11-186297 (filed June 30, 1999) and Hei 11-186298 (filed June 30, 1999), certified copies of which will be filed in due course.

Authorization is given for the charging of any further fee for effecting filing to our Deposit Account 18-1644.

Respectfully submitted,


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